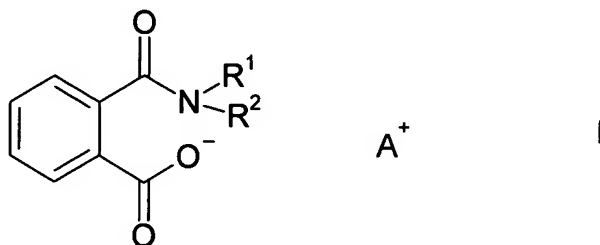


REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I, including claims 13-23. However, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested.

In the regard, applicants note that the claims of each of claim Groups I and II necessarily include the presence of ammonium salts of phthalic acid monoamides of the following formula (I)



where R¹ and R² may be identical or different and are hydrogen or a linear or branched, cyclic or acyclic C₁-C₂₀-alkyl radical and A⁺ is an ammonium cation.

Thus, while different forms of statutory classes of subject matter may be presented in this single application, applicants note that a search against one group of claims would necessarily appear to be coextensive with a search against the other group of claims. Hence, no patent office economy appears to be presented by way of the restriction requirement that has been advanced. As such, reconsideration and withdrawal of the same is requested.


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An action on the merits of all pending claims is therefore solicited.

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